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Supervisor Kathee Burke-Gonzalez and Members of the Town Board
Town of East Hampton
159 Pantigo Road
East Hampton, NY 11937

Dear Supervisor Burke-Gonzalez and Members of the East Hampton Town Board:

I am writing to voice my support for the restoration and rehabilitation of the Brooks-Park Home and Studios Historic Site in Springs and to encourage the Town to execute a license agreement with local advocates, the Brooks-Park Arts and Nature Center (BPANC).

I am aware that between 2021 and 2023 this locally designated historic site was listed on Preservation Long Island's list of Endangered Historic Places, the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places, and the Preservation League of New York State's Seven to Save.

The Town of East Hampton should proceed to stabilize and restore the buildings on this site under the expert guidance of Jan Hird Pokorny Associates, Inc., the firm commissioned to undertake a Building Conditions Survey Report of the four buildings in 2023.

The value of this community asset is clear. James Brooks and Charlotte Park were seminal figures in the 20th Century Abstract Expressionist art movement and the significance of experiencing the place where artists lived and worked cannot be underestimated. The Brooks-Park site is also a singular place to experience nature, a primary reason why James and Charlotte chose to live their lives and make their art here.

I urge you to move forward with the long-overdue preservation of the Brooks-Park Home and Studios and to work with BPANC to achieve the necessary preservation and interpretation of this vital publicly owned historic site.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]